Come
HOLIDAY TOGETHER
CHRISTMAS AROUND the WORLD
and HOLIDAYS of LIGHT

HOLIDAY HISTORY

Christmas Around the World began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. In its first year, a single tree was newly decorated every day for 12 days to honor the countries fighting alongside America during the war. A tradition was born and families and organizations from Chicago's rich diverse communities were invited to MSI to decorate individual trees to represent their cultural holiday traditions. Performances were also added, treating guests to the songs and dances from around the globe. In 1994, *Holidays of Light* was first celebrated as a multicultural display to showcase the holidays that celebrate light and enlightenment.

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Free Festive Performances

As a part of *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light*, guests can experience the music, dancing and holiday traditions of the diverse communities that make up the Chicago area. Performances will take place on the Holiday Stage located in the Museum's main Auditorium inside the West Pavilion every weekend until December 22.* Guests can also create snow themed make and take and drop by **the Holiday Snack Stop** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every weekend until December 22.

*Dates and times are subject to change.

Tree Map

15 Armenia
11 Assyria
42 Australia
13 Austria
9 Belarus
43 Belgium
19 Bolivia
48 Belize
48 Bosnia + Herzegovina
10 Canada
20 China
32 Colombia
46 Croatia
40 Czech Republic
6 Denmark
49 Ecuador
4 Egypt
16 England
39 Estonia
51 Finland
36 France
41 Germany
24 Greece
7 Guatemala
47 Hungary
35 Iceland
14 India
18 Ireland
33 Italy
1 Japan
17 Kenya
26 Korea
28 Latvia
30 Lebanon
52 Lithuania
50 Luxembourg
22 Mexico
23 Native America
27 Netherlands
38 Nigeria
2 Norway
34 Philippines
12 Poland
45 Puerto Rico
25 Romania
54 Russia
3 Scotland
37 Slovakia
5 Slovenia
56 SocialWorks
29 Sweden
55 Switzerland
8 Thailand
44 Ukraine
21 USA
31 Wales

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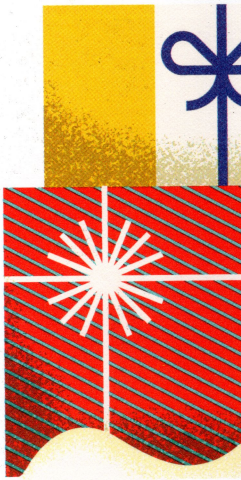

Holidays of Light

- Kwanzaa
- Hanukkah
- Ramadan
- Diwali
- Lunar New Year
- Visakha Puja
- Winter Solstice
- St. Lucia

Calendar + Performances

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Tsukasa Taiko Drummers (Japan)

12:15 p.m. Ensemble Alioni (Republic of Georgia)

1:30 p.m. Springbrook Chorus, Brass and Chamber Orchestra (USA)

2:45 p.m. Pachacamak Folk Foundation (Andean Afro-Ecuadorian)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Latin Heritage Day
Learn traditional dances and music from South America and Puerto Rico

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Peru Profundo (Peru)

1:30 p.m. Pachacamak Folk Foundation (Andean Afro-Ecuadorian)

2:45 p.m. The Chicago Cuatro Orchestra (Puerto Rico)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Vivanov Dance Group (Bulgaria)

12:15 p.m. The Cambrian Benevolent Society presents the Welsh Red Dragon Dancers (Wales)

1:30 p.m. Pachacamak Folk Foundation (Andean Afro-Ecuadorian)

2:45 p.m. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) Chicago Branch Demo Team (Scotland)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Whispers Center for Artistic Expression (Poland)

12:15 p.m. Zespól Jawory (Poland)

1:30 p.m. Jasmin Jahal Dance Company (Middle East)

2:45 p.m. Indian Catholic Association of America (India)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Moravian Cultural Society (Czech Republic)

12:15 p.m. Nordikids (Sweden)

1:30 p.m. Bonilla Foundation (Puerto Rico)

2:45 p.m. Ballet Folklórico Fiesta Mexicana (Mexico)

4 p.m. Casa de la Cultura Guatemalteca-Chicago (Guatemala)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Bonnie Lindholm School of the Dance (USA)

12:15 p.m. Filipino American Historical Society (Philippines)

4 p.m. Iskra School of Ukrainian Dance and Cherubic Voices Children's Choir (Ukraine)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Finnladies of Chicagoland (Finland)

12:15 p.m. Tambura and Dance Group, The Croatian Vines and Croatian School (Croatia)

1:30 p.m. Norwegian National League of Chicago (Norway)

2:45 p.m. After School Matters (Spanish Dance of Bolivia, Mexico and Latin America)

4 p.m. Aloha Center of Chicago (ACC) (South Pacific)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. McNulty Irish Dancers (Ireland)

12:15 p.m. Campanella Children's Choir (Eastern Europe)

1:30 p.m. Suktinis (Lithuania)

2:45 p.m. Mangalorean Konkan Christian Association (India)

4 p.m. Flamenco Chicago Dance Studio (Spain)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Mabuhay Singers and Friends (Philippines)

12:15 p.m. Bethany Romanian Church (Romania)

1:30 p.m. Colombian American Cultural Center (Colombia)

2:45 p.m. Ballet Folklórico Internacional Tuwamari (Ecuador)

4 p.m. Borozda and the Hungarian Women and Children (Hungary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Alphorngruppe Alpine Echoes Alpine Horn Music

12:15 p.m. Society of the Danube Swabians (Germany)

1:30 p.m. The Donya Dance Ensemble (Turkey, Bolivia and other World Dance traditions)

2:45 p.m. Tierra Colombiana Dance Ensemble and T.C. Children's Dance Group (Colombia)

4 p.m. Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society (Greece)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Alma Ecuatoriana (Ecuador)

12:15 p.m. Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers (Scotland)

1:30 p.m. Holy Cross-IHM Marimba Ensemble and Children's Choir (Mexico and Central America)

2:45 p.m. Serbian Orthodox Midwest Diocese Youth (Serbia)

4 p.m. St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church (Egypt)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ornament Making

11 a.m. Ensemble Horo (Bulgaria)

12:15 p.m. Polish Scouting Organization of Illinois (Poland)

1:30 p.m. Color's Entertainment Group (China)

2:45 p.m. Holy Nativity of Romania (Romania)

4 p.m. Hora of Romania (Romania)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:30 p.m. Punch and Judaism (Hanukkah)

2:45 p.m. Mama Sunshine (Kwanzaa)

HOLIDAY GIFTS GALORE

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